Tribe, Officials Discuss Land Trade

Representatives of the Ute Indian tribe from the Uintah and Ouray reservation in Duchesne county met Friday in Salt Lake City with state and federal officials to discuss the transfer of 34,000 acres of state-owned land inside the reservation to the Indian service in exchange for the same acreage outside the reservation.

The land outside the Indian area would be given to the state by the federal government. It currently is controlled by the bureau of land management.

The exchange would clear away the last traces of a long-time disagreement between the Indians and white stockmen in the area, according to John S. Boyden, counsel for the Indians.

Elements of the disagreement have been settled peacefully in past years, he said.

Two major reasons given by Mr. Boyden for the proposed exchange of lands were that it would improve the over-all economy in livestock production in Utah and it would simplify land management problems for all parties concerned.

Attending the meeting in the federal building were Mr. Boyden, H. Byron Mock, regional administrator, bureau of land management; William Andersen, chief of the planning division, BLM; Dale Naylor, range manager, BLM; Forest R Stone, superintendent of the reservation; R. O. Curray, Indian tribal business manager; Paul Krause, supervisor of forestry and grazing on the reservation, and Lee Young, executive secretary, Utah state land board.